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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: HIROSHI NAKAMURA et al.

FOR: PATTERN IDENTIFICATION METHOD AND PATTERN IDENTIFICATION  
DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Before examining the present application, please amend as follows: